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Notice of Firm.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE.

DURING my Temporary Absence Mr. E. A. BEWETT will be in Charge of the Company's Business at this Port.
H. J. JOSEPH,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, October 4, 1893. 1724

Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, TAIWAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £2,000,000.
CAPITAL CALLED UP, £21,000,000.

Board of Directors.
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RATES OF INTEREST,
Allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed
Deposits, can be ascertained on application.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, April 10, 1893. 247

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £1,000,000.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £500,000.

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Hongkong, May 24, 1893. 47

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

SUBSCRIBED, £1,125,000.

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JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 4, 1893. 228

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ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 3 months 3 per cent. per annum.

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do 12 do. 5 %

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 19, 1893. 690

Banks.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

The business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 % per cent. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 5 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 16, 1893. 1516

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

THE ANNUAL MEETING for the purpose of receiving the Committee's Report on the Past Season and of electing the Committee and Officers for the Coming Season will be held in the CRICKET CLUB PAVILION, on MONDAY, the 9th October, at 6 p.m.

H. W. SLADE,
Hon. Sec.

Hongkong, October 3, 1893. 1706

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS, No. 79.

Woosung Inner Bar—Marks and Lights for Feima Channel again exhibited.

NOTICE is hereby given that from this date and until further notice the MARK and LIGHTS for the FEIMA CHANNEL will be EXHIBITED formerly, as there is now greater depth of water in that Channel than in the line of the old Bar Marks.

THOS. E. COCKER,
for Harbour Master.

Approved:
E. FARAGO,
Commissioner of Customs.
Customs House,
Shanghai, Oct. 1st, 1893. 1732

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with Article No. 18 of the Articles of Association of THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED, the Directors have passed a Resolution making a CALL of ONE POUND per Share on the Ordinary Shares of the Bank, such Call to become PAYABLE as follows:—

Five Shillings on the 1st November, 1893.
Five Shillings on the 1st February, 1894.

Five Shillings on the 1st June, 1894.

The several Instalments of the above Call due on Shares on the Hongkong Register are PAYABLE as above at the OFFICE OF THE BANK No. 4, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, in local currency equivalent.

INTEREST of 5 % per annum will be allowed on all Instalments paid before the date of due.

If the sums payable in respect of any of the above Instalments be not paid on or before the respective dates appointed for Payment thereof respectively, INTEREST will be Charged on the same at the Rate of 10 % per annum from the day appointed for Payment thereof to the time of Actual Payment, in accordance with Article No. 21 of the Articles of Association of the Bank.

S. L. DARBY,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, September 26, 1893. 1666

SHANGHAI RACES.

RETURN TICKETS, FIRST SALOON, for the above Races, can be obtained on and after this date by the STEAMERS of the Undermentioned LINES, available for ONE MONTH from date of issue.

For 12 months Fixed 5 %
do 6 do. do. 4 %
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Business Notices.

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Hongkong, September 21, 1893. 1635

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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM



Mails.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, Ceylon, Australia,
India, Aden, Egypt,
Mediterranean Ports,
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship ROHILLA, Captain W. J. NATES, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this port for BOMBAY, (connecting at Bombay with S.S. HIMALAYA, which vessel takes on her cargo for LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL, leaving that port on the 4th NOVEMBER, 1893), on THURSDAY, the 13th October, at Noon, taking Passengers and cargo for the above ports.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to H. H. JOSEPH, Superintendent.

F. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, September 28, 1893. 1635

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
SUEZ, PORT SAID,
NAPLES, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG,
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Hongkong, September 22, 1893. 1630

NOTICE.

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PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
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Hongkong, October 4, 1893. 1717

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CHINA MAIL OFFICE,
Hongkong, May 17, 1893. 906

Mails.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1893.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Mogul..... Thursday Oct. 10.
Victoria..... Thursday Nov. 9.
Tacoma..... Tuesday Dec. 12.
Mogul..... Tuesday Jan. 27/94.
Victoria..... Tuesday Jan. 23/94.

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To-day's Advertisements.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A DIVIDEND of SEVEN DOLLARS
per Share for the year 1892 will be
PAID on MONDAY, the 9th Instant.

WARRANTS may be had on application
at the Office of the Society on and after
the date.

By Order of the Board,

N. J. EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, October 7, 1893. 1742

THE JELEBU MINING & TRADING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

A DIVIDEND of 5% for the Half-year
ended 12th August, 1893, having been
declared COTTON, NO. 1 PAYABLE at
the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA
& CHINA in Hongkong and Singapore, on
and after TO-DAY as follows:

Let for 50 Shares with \$12.50
" B " 20 " 6.00
" G " 6 " 1.25

HUTTENBACH BROS. & CO.,
General Agents.

Singapore, 7th October, 1893. 1743

Intimations.

PRIVATE BOARD and RESIDENCE
for LADIES and GENTLEMEN. Special
attention to Ladies' comfort. Accommodation
for Table Boarders. Central situation.

Mrs. MATHER,
2 and 3 Pudding Hill,
Hongkong, July 24, 1893. 1287

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

THE LIQUIDATION at this BRANCH
will be conducted by THE
CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA &
CHINA.

By Order of the Liquidator,

E. W. RUTTER,
Attorney for the Liquidator.

Hongkong, October 7, 1893. 1745

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will be conducted by THE
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CHINA.

By Order of the Liquidator,

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, October 7, 1893. 1746

NOTICE.

THE Yearly General MEETING of
MEMBERS will be held in the CITY
HALL on SATURDAY, 21st October inst.,
at 12 o'clock Noon.

By Order,

F. C. H. HASTINGS,
Acting Police Magistrate,
Hongkong, 7th October, 1893. 1747

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-
tions to Sell by Public Auction, on
TUESDAY,

the 10th October, 1893, at 12 o'clock Noon,
at the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION
LIMITED OFFICE (PAITA, (In Liquidation)).

THE OFFICE FURNITURE, &c.,
comprising:—

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GRAMMERS AND GAS BRACKETS,
ONE PATENT SPRING DOOR WITH PLATE-
GLASS.

FIVE CHUBB'S IRON SAFES, ASSORTED
SIZES, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—AS IS.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

We have received from the *Daily Press* Office a copy of the Hongkong Herald for Section 1892-93.

We are advised by the Secretary of the Punjum Mining Company of the receipt of a telegram from the Mines, reading: "During the month mill ran 29 days, crushing 650 tons, yielding 650 ounces of Gold."

There is evidently another storm brewing, and weather prophets are wagging their heads most sagely and predicting more bad weather for the Colony. At 5.46 the barometer stood at 29.70. It has been fairly steady at that since 2 p.m.

H. E. TAU KWU YIN, the Ex-Minister to the United States of America, arrived in Hongkong by the Pacific Mail steamer *China* yesterday. He went up to Canton this morning on a visit to Yen-chi Li Han-chang before proceeding to Peking.

An official telegram received by the Chinese Mail, (Wah Yu Yat Po) announces the demise of H. E. Hung Kwan, the late Minister to Germany, Russia, Austria and Holland. After his term of office he was given the title of Senior Vice-President of the Board of War and made a member of the Foreign Office. A short time ago he was attacked by malarial fever, and was granted sick leave. An Imperial Edict has been issued directing the Board of Rites to report to the Throne the necessary posthumous honours to be bestowed on him, and that his son, Hung Lok, a cadet to the Senior Secretary to the Board of Works, will, after the expiration of the term of mourning, be promoted as soon as there is a vacancy in the Board.

YESTERDAY afternoon at the Magistracy Capt. Hastings opened an enquiry into the circumstances attending a fire which occurred on the 30th ult. at No. 139, Bonham Strand, Central. The house was occupied by a dealer in birds' nests named Lam Fai Tung, who was not in Hongkong at the time of the fire. The fire brigade were summoned about 5.15 a.m., and on reaching the spot found the first floor in flames. Before the fire was subdued the first two floors were completely burnt out and the roof fell in. The contents were insured for \$7,000 in the Hamburg and London Fire Insurance Co. (agents, Messrs. Carlowitz and Co.) The enquiry was adjourned until Monday.

RESIDENTS in Manila will shortly have cause to congratulate themselves. A public barometer is going to be placed in one of the most crowded streets of that city. The barometer, which is a present of an old resident, is to be suspended on a pillar erected for the purpose.

THE question as to whether the Russian Government intend to maintain a permanent squadron in the Mediterranean, says a contemporary, has been settled in the affirmative, by the official announcement at St. Petersburg of the appointment of Admiral Avdov to the command of the squadron.

Some 2,555 seamen and passengers were lost during the year by casualties of British vessels in the Mediterranean, and to foreign vessels within the same period 565 being lost, so that the home country. Those saved under the same circumstances numbered 9,977 and 3,788 respectively. The latter figure speaks for the efficiency of British life-saving apparatus and life boats, those having been no exception to themselves. One sailor in every 187 employed in ships registered in the United Kingdom died by wreck or casualty, the percentage being 0.53. It is an ugly fact that in 147 out of 229 formularies the blame of the disaster was laid by the court on the neglect or default of persons on board the vessels, and in seventy-eight cases the certificates of masters or officers were suspended.

LECTURING on the subject of shorthand, before the members of the Midland Institute, Mr. McEwan has been abusing his auditors with some examples of the mishaps which sometimes occur through errors of the press or mistakes in transcribing reporter's notes. In one instance by the information of a schoolmate of his, Mr. McEwan, in his biography to his uncle, has been rendered "He tendered a pledge to his uncle," &c. The mere omission of a vowel has turned the maxim "Idleness rests the mind" into "Idleness rests the mind," and in a similar manner, the expression "Bread cast upon the waters" has been rendered "Bread cast upon the waters." They were bad players, and I felt sorry for the company," has been transcribed "They were bad players, and I felt sorry for the piano." To be praised more than that praising has been perverted into "To be praised is more await than praising." "Do not cast pearls before swine" which the well-known proverb "Bread cast upon the waters returns after many days" has been turned "Oats buried in the water returns after many days."

ONE man determines for himself the mode of the disposal of his body after death, it is such disposal entirely in the hands of his executors? The raising of this curious question at a meeting of the Medical Society some time ago & propels a paper on the subject of "Cremation" read by Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson, has suggested to that eminent surgeon's son, Mr. Aubrey Richardson, the writing of a little volume entitled "The Law of Cremation," which, published by Messrs. Reeve and Turner. That in the eye of our English law there can be no property in a corpse, has been authoritatively decided, and in accordance with this principle the direction of a testator to his executors to hand over his body after death to a person named in his will, in order that it might be disposed of according to his directions, has been held to be void. That is a grievous offence of which the Cremation Society is unfortunately complain. In France, Italy, and Germany it has been removed, as Mr. Richardson points out, by direct enactment that all persons of full age and sound mind shall have an absolute right to prescribe the mode in which their mortal remains shall be dealt with. Mr. Aubrey Richardson's book exhausts the subject, and furnishes a great deal of curious information regarding the law and practice bearing on this theme both at present and past times, and at home and abroad.

The *Comercio* says that a shipment of coal has reached Iloilo for the use of the steamers of Messrs. Iuchau & Co.

The well-known French agent, M. Baudouin, had a short time back, petitioned the British Government to authorise the despatch to India of a scientific mission for the express purpose of studying the vaccine of anthrax which prevails there to a large extent. The Government has accepted the proposal, and has given the illustrious Frenchman all the powers he wished for. *Ind. Engineering.*

"FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR." That the steady, plodding peasant north of the Tweed, with bonnet well over his brow, will often say, "Ay, it's a windy day."

That if the aforesaid peasant had been in Hongkong lately, he might have hazard the remark that it had been a windy week.

That I have heard many old stages observe that they had never seen so much wind during one week for thirty years.

That there is something very inaccurate about the last typhoon, for it could never have travelled four hundred miles in 18 or 20 hours.

That it was proved conclusively several years ago by a skilled amateur meteorologist—that they do exist here, although Dr. Dobereiner doesn't believe it and it is always reviling them)—that it takes a typhoon of average sedateness and respectability about two days and a half to come here from Bohol.

That some mistake must have been made about the time the typhoon passed over Bohol.

That on the other hand, there has been a talk of two typhoons, and one shipmaster refers to the circumstance of having experienced two in quick succession.

That the theory has been advanced by those who know something of the subject—not belonging to the Observatory here—that there were two troughs of depression in this typhoon: that it was, in fact, a double-bottomed storm.

That this may account for its unconscionable length, for it never yet met a typhoon which took two days and two nights to blow it out.

That although no serious accidents seem to have occurred, there was a good deal of damage done one way or another, and much inconvenience caused, especially on the higher levels.

That, at the same time, the experience gained by this storm shows that the wholesale policy of having large accumulated funds is evidently right, the policy of our insurance companies in China, to the figures of three of the other principal Local Companies show that their Capital and Reserves taken together exceed in each case our own. Our Articles of Association provide for the making up of the Reserve to one million dollars, and we seem in a fair way of accomplishing this. As soon as that figure is reached, the dividends will no doubt be much larger. During the year 1892, you are all aware, was there a very unusual year. This is so well known to practical writers on the subject that little need be said of an occasional collapse of a fine batting side. But the extraordinary commentator when the presence of the Australian Eleven in England has forced into the position of a cricket critic does not understand this, and if a man makes 100 one day he is quite at a loss to conceive why that man does not go and do likewise the next time he is sent in to bat. If such critics turn up the records they will find that other good combinations have not escaped occasional extraordinary collapses, any more than have our own. Yorkshire, the champion country of 1892, lost 8 wickets for 11 runs against Australia. Note, with the celebrated professionals Shrewsbury and Gunn in their ranks, disposed of for 38 runs in the second innings against Yorkshire. Surrey scored 100, and lost 10 wickets against Australia, and then lost 10 wickets like Sussex and Somersetshire. The whole season of 1893 has been noted for in-and-out form, which probably proves, if it proves anything, that the sides are more evenly balanced than they generally are. The Australians are blamed for paying too much attention to the gate. No doubt the members of the team have kept a keen eye on the "bawlers," but when people assert that by playing six days a week the Australians have handicapped themselves for big matches by going into the field stale and worn out, they forget to inquire what has been the case with regard to their opponents. Reading these criticisms, one would suppose that the English men were thrown out of play because they had not fought against the invaders. The best men in England have played six days a week regularly as far as possible, and the same is done by the Australians. They may not have had quite as much traveling to do as our men, but, otherwise, they have not on the same terms. The more we look closely into the facts, the more we are inclined to think that the tour has exemplified the true position of Australian and England in the cricket field. 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HENRY IRVING ON ACTING.

Henry Irving is in San Francisco, says the *Chronicle*. The man who has made himself the greatest living actor of the English-speaking world has come among us to show us something of that art which has charmed countless thousands of men and women. And one has but to see him to know the secret of that success which has made him famous. The personality which has colored his art is one of power. He is one who would attract attention above the medium height, dark hair, a long black hair just tinged with gray, a broad high forehead, keen, flashing black eyes and overhanging, almost bushy eyebrows. He is a man intense, sincere, and thoughtful. Now the sharply drawn lines of his face relax into a smile; again the thin lips are compressed, the brow is contracted and something which is said receives strange force and earnestness. In the scholar and the actor, he has revealed the full power of the stage and who has pictured it to the world?

Seidom, his face in repose. Upon it the calm, the cynical play of emotion. His features add to the story of his words what ever the theme. Now and then in the overshadowing sincerity of the man there is a tinge of the satirical. His voice is low and well modulated, and as he talks he unconsciously purrs. Hardly for a moment is his body at rest. As he walks the Irving of whom we have heard so much is before us.

The great head bows forward, the shoulders are raised, and there is a curious sidelong step forward. It may be said, perhaps it is a reflex of the stage, but certainly it is strange. His face is not always the same, and the conditions change and modern life becomes wiser and more complex in its operations the field for the dramatist and the actor is widened and the possibilities greater for their genius. The modern drama should be encouraged.

Even now there are signs of a marked improvement, and when conditions for such work become more favourable we will see a revival worthy of the age in which we live.

Success is now the standard and base of work, and no one can tell the issue of an effort until success has come.

Playwriting to-day is a venture and a gamble, and one would naturally expect to get the return of months upon the verdict of public which too often is governed and moved by critics.

Yet the age is not by any means barren.

Bronson Howard has done something, I think, worthy. Guy Carleton has given excellent promise and there are others we might mention.

Tennyson would have become a great dramatist had he begun earlier. He was unfamiliar with the conventionalities of the stage. His plays were far too long, and in their length they lost the dramatic force necessary to a stage presentation. It is one thing, you know, to write a play for the closet and quite another to prepare one for the public.

Tennyson never learned the art of stage production. He was unfamiliar with its usages and its laws. He never learned them and his plays had to be discarded.

It is known that Irving adapted

Booth's for his own purposes. The poet and the actor were close friends, and Irving told the circumstances under which he made the adaptation.

Tennyson gave me the play to use if I thought it admirable," he said. "That was, several years ago, and I read it carefully. On my trip to America I marked it up, as passages as I thought would be useful for the purposes of a stage presentation. Again I read it, and when I had made my selection, choosing such elements as were of dramatic value and condensing the play into reasonable length, I returned it to him and asked him if he were willing that I would play it in that form. He agreed, but he never lived to see it presented.

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